AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 13, with the following amended paragraph:

--Digital contents pertaining to the invention cannot be accessed even if they are distributable unless their prospective user has a license therefor. This arrangement is realized by encrypting the digital contents in advance, and including the decryption key therefor in the license. The product information database 110 is architected by use of an SQL database, and it is supposed that product information (license information) is registered in advance from a product information registration ~~terminal~~ system 501 by use of an insert sentence in SQL.--

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 25, with the following amended paragraph:

--The configuration described above makes it possible, because the "product" actually traded via the network is not digital contents themselves but the right (license) to use digital contents, for the user to watch and/or listen to digital contents by virtue of the pertinent one of the purchased licenses for the contents stored in advance at the user's terminal or the like, but the user need not make a network connection to the license management center

every time he or she wants to watch and/or listen to digital

contents, and can do so even if his or her terminal has no

function for network connection. Moreover, as the user need

not make a membership registration with the license

distribution management server 100 in order to purchase a

license, his or her personal information can be protected from

leakage.--